## BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF	)
CHESAPEAKE UTILITIES CORPORATION	)
FOR APPROVAL OF A CHANGE IN ITS	) PSC DOCKET NO. 19-0573
GAS SALES SERVICE RATES ("GSR")	j
TO BE EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 1, 2019	j
(FILED September 3, 2019)	j

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

## TO: ALL NATURAL GAS CUSTOMERS OF CHESAPEAKE UTILITIES CORPORATION AND OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS

The Delaware Public Service Commission (the "Commission") will conduct an evidentiary hearing related to approval of a proposed settlement concerning the above-captioned matter (as further explained below) at the following time and location:

## <u>Date and Time</u> <u>Location</u>

April 22, 2020, 1:00 p.m.

Delaware Public Service Commission Hearing Room 861 Silver Lake Blvd., Suite 100 Dover, DE 19904

The evidentiary hearing is being held in accordance with 26 *Del. C.* § 503 and 29 *Del. C.* §§ 10122, 10124, and 10125. Anyone planning to attend the evidentiary hearing should consult the Commission's website prior to the event for any change or cancellation in the time, location, or date.

On September 3, 2019, Chesapeake Utilities Corporation ("Chesapeake" or the "Company") filed an application (the "Application") with the Commission seeking to change its Gas Sales Service ("GSR") Rates as follows:

Rate Schedule	Present Rate	Proposed Rate
RS-1, ERS-1, RS-2, ERS-2, USA- R, GS, EGS, USA-G, MVS, EMVS, USA-M, LVS	\$0.833 per Ccf	\$0.938 per Ccf
GLR, GLO	\$0.362 per Ccf	\$0.432 per Ccf
HLFS	\$0.630 per Ccf	\$0.725 per Ccf

Compared to the rates currently in effect, an average RS-2 customer using 700 Ccf per year will experience an annual increase of approximately 7.39%, or \$6.12 per month. During the winter heating season, a typical RS-2 customer using 120 Ccf per winter month will experience an increase of approximately 8.46%, or \$12.60 per winter month.

The Company has also proposed the following changes to its firm and interruptible transportation balancing rates:

Rate Schedule	Present Firm Balancing Rate	Proposed Firm Balancing Rate
GS/EGS/USA-G	\$0.159 per Ccf	\$0.159 per Ccf
MVS/EMVS/USA-M	\$0.189 per Ccf	\$0.193 per Ccf
LVS	\$0.127 per Ccf	\$0.150 per Ccf
HLFS	\$0.012 per Ccf	\$0.017 per Ccf
ITS	\$0.001 per Ccf	\$0.001 per Ccf

The Commission has permitted the proposed GSR and other rates to become effective with usage on and after November 1, 2019, subject to refund and pending the Commission's final decision after evidentiary hearings and any other proceedings that may be necessary.

On March \_\_\_, 2020, Chesapeake, Commission Staff, and the Delaware Division of the Public Advocate entered into a Settlement Agreement (the "Settlement Agreement") and filed the Settlement Agreement with the Commission.

The Commission will conduct an evidentiary hearing on the proposed settlement on the date and at the time and location noticed above. The Commission's final decision will be based on the evidence presented at the evidentiary hearing.

Only those persons or entities who are parties or were granted intervention in this docket will be allowed to present witnesses, conduct cross-examination, or introduce evidence at the evidentiary hearing. Members of the public are welcome to attend the evidentiary hearing as observers.

You are invited to review Chesapeake's Application, the non-confidential testimony and materials filed by Chesapeake and other parties, and any other non-confidential materials subsequently filed in this matter. You may review the documents during normal business hours in the Commission's Dover office or through the Commission's electronic filing system, DelaFile, at <a href="http://delafile.delaware.gov">http://delafile.delaware.gov</a>. Search for Docket No. 19-0573.

If you would like to review documents at the Commission's offices, please contact Donna Nickerson at (302) 736-7500 or by sending an email addressed to donna.nickerson@delaware.gov. You may also review copies of Chesapeake's Application and supporting documents at the office of the Division of the Public Advocate located at either 820 North French Street, 4th Floor, Wilmington, Delaware 19801 or 29 South State Street, Dover, Delaware 19901. Please call either (302) 577-5077 or (302) 241-2555 to arrange for a time to review the documents at either of those locations.

If you wish to request copies of documents in this matter, please submit a Freedom of Information Act Request Form. The link to this form can be found on the Commission's website, <a href="http://depsc.delaware.gov">http://depsc.delaware.gov</a> or by visiting this web address: <a href="https://delafile.delaware.gov/">https://delafile.delaware.gov/</a> <a href="Complaints/FOIA.aspx">Complaints/FOIA.aspx</a>. The Commission will respond to your request in accordance with the Delaware Freedom of Information Act, 29 Del. C. ch. 100.

If you have a disability and wish to participate or to review the materials in this matter, please contact the Commission to discuss any auxiliary aids or services you might need to help you. You may contact the Commission in person, by writing, by telephone (including text telephone), by Internet e-mail, or other means. If you have questions about this matter, you may call the Commission at 1-800-282-8574 (toll-free in Delaware) or (302) 736-7500 (voice and text telephone). You may also send questions regarding this matter by Internet e-mail addressed to Clishona.Marshall@delaware.gov.